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## Jhoanel Caraballo is committed to Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Tourism Authority continues their awareness campaign and has the focus today on Jhoanel Caraballo. Caraballo, according to ATA is another one of our local associates who is committed to Aruba and to the work he does in the tourism industry. Caraballo is a winner of the prestigious Shoco Award as Supervisor of the Year 2011.

Jhoanel Caraballo has been employed at the Renaissance Hotel for almost 8 years. He began working at the early age of 17, and immediately upon his 18th birthday he was asked to join the hotel. The first two years he worked as a security agent and gradually climbed the ladder to his current position as Security Supervisor. At the young age of 20, that was a real challenge for him. He has been in this position now for the past 5 years and, he says, enjoy working with his colleagues with whom he has a



good relationship of mutual respect.

In Caraballo's work he has to deal with different situations every day, and every day presents new challenges. He is also charged with planning the work schedules. He reports that a day's work for him consists of three shifts, morning, afternoon and evening. His

area of work is quite large as it involves the entire Renaissance including the hotel, the convention center and the mall.

As an anecdote he shares that in his work there have been times when he had to act as a counselor. Sometimes couples come for vacation but for some reason may end up having an argument and he has to go out and look for the partner who walked away and bring them back to each other. And, it is great to see them back together because of your intervention efforts says Caraballo.

Jhoanel Caraballo says... "Aruba has a lovely infrastructure, luxurious hotels, and it is important to provide security to our visitors, even in the smallest detail, so that they feel happy and safe."

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## Truce agreed to end week of Gaza bloodshed

CAIRO (AFP) - Israel and Hamas agreed on a truce that would take effect yesterday evening in a bid to end a week of bloodshed in and around Gaza that has killed more than 150 people, Egypt and the United States said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel Amr, speaking at a joint news conference in Cairo with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, said the cessation of hostilities would begin at 1900 GMT.

The accord, a copy of which was obtained by AFP, calls on Israel to "stop all hostilities... in the land, sea and air including incursions and targeting of individuals" and the Palestinian factions urged to end "rocket attacks and all attacks along the border".

If it holds, within 24 hours,

Israel would be required to start procedures to open Gaza's border crossings and allow the movement of people and goods, according to the text.

"This is a critical moment

for the region," Clinton said as she welcomed the agreement. "In the days ahead, the United States will work with partners in the region to consolidate this progress."





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## National Library: Return books without penalty

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A large number of library members have not visited the library for a very long time primarily because it was closed for renovations. Some members were visiting the dependence in San Nicolas or the Arubiana Department in the Bachstraat. But, they have on record that a large number of books have not been returned to the Library. In an effort to stimulate the return of these books, the Library has announced that they will not charge the usual return fee for late returns. So, members can return books without the fear of having to pay a fine. This free fine period will continue until the end of the year. It doesn't matter if the book(s) is one week, one month or however late, there will be no fine.

The Library kindly requests all members to please return the book(s) you borrowed so they can continue providing the service of lending books to the community.

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living in Oranjestad, the Library is open 3 nights a week until 8:00 pm. You can also renew your membership. Children's membership cost Afls.1.00 and Afls.5 for the membership for adults. Both are for one year.

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## On the situation in Israel and Gaza

In September 2005 Israel left the Gaza strip. The Israelis who lived there and had developed a flourishing agriculture and peaceful community living left their homes and resettled somewhere else in Israel.

This action was supposed to give the Palestinians land to develop a peaceful state, side by side with Israel. No sooner had the Israeli citizens left that terrorists burned all the agricultural developments and the synagogues, where they installed rocket launcher platforms from which they could fire their missiles against Israeli civilians.

In a bloody coup in 2007 Hamas expelled the Palestinian Authority and killed many of its members.

The situation has been going on for seven years now. It has deteriorated with the latest developments in Egypt and the Sinai, from which thousands of Iranian rockets of longer reach have been smuggled to Gaza via tunnels.

Israel, like any sovereign nation, has the right to defend itself and the obligation to protect its citizens. When rockets are purposely fired at kindergartens and schools at the time school starts, when a jeep from the Israel Defense Forces is the target of an unprovoked mortar attack that seriously wounded its occupants, when the population cannot go about its normal activities without having to run for shelter when the Red Code alarm sounds (it only gives you 15 seconds to reach a shelter), it's time to take action.

Since November 10 Hamas fired more than 120 missiles at civilians and since last Wednesday Hamas has fired more than 800 missiles at Israel, including the big populated centers like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, putting its population under fire.

Israel is not at war with the civil population of Gaza, it

only targets its terrorists and their military infrastructure. The army goes to great lengths to avoid collateral damage with surgical strikes and has warned the civilians with 50000 phone calls and fliers of an impending attack. In contrast, Hamas tries to cause as many civilian deaths as it can. Its charter promotes the destruction of Israel as its main ideological aim in a Holy War (Jihad) and it has avowed to never recognize the Jewish State. It also uses its own citizens as human shields and places missile launchers in family homes to make it hard for Israel to destroy them without wounding or killing its res-

idents.

In the midst of all this, humanitarian aid to Gaza has not stopped and is delivered through the Erez crossing, neither has the delivery of gas and electricity. Hospitals in Israel receive patients from Gaza and treat them as they would Israelis.

Peace can only come through direct negotiations between the parts but, if one extremist party is committed to destroying the other and uses terror and violence as their strategic weapon the light of hope continues to be very feeble.

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## WTF World Para-Tae Kwon Do Championships begin today at Betico Croes Sport Hall



**L.-r. Jean-Marie Ayer, Dr. Chungwon Choue, Minister Visser and Chaco Cornelia of Aruba Tae Kwon Do**

The third WTF World Para-Tae Kwon Do Championships and the WTF World Cup Tae Kwon Do Team Championships begin today at 9:00 AM in the Gilberto Francois, "Betico" Croes Sport Hall in Santa Cruz. On Tuesday evening, Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser welcomed to Aruba the World Taekwondo Federation, Dr. Chungwon Choue and Secretary General

Jean-Marie Ayer.

The gentlemen welcomed island and international media to a press conference at the Holiday Inn, which is hosting the nearly 300 participants, coaches and referees from 16 different countries. Organizers expressed how please they were to be conducting these events on Aruba, and the increasing popularity the Korean martial art discipline is having through the region. Dr. Chung-

won Choue cited the fact that Argentinean Sebastian Eduardo Crismanich won the men's welterweight gold medal during the Olympics in London this past summer.

Mr. Ayer cited the importance of the Para-Tae Kwon Do event as the WTF is now working to have Tae Kwon Do become an event in the 2020 Para-Olympics.

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# WTF World Para-Tae Kwon Do...

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Minister Visser expressed his hope that islanders will come to enjoy the matches and appreciate the example the para-athletes set for us all. "Tae Kwon Do is a sport that also teaches great respect, and is something we would hope to see our youth enjoy and learn. The ancient art has great lessons for a new generation, lessons they should learn, as well as helping them to keep fit and balanced."

The WTF President pointed out that the first ever WTF World Cup Tae Kwon Do Team Championships are a five on five team effort, which

is very exciting for spectators. Matches are conducted with an enjoyment factor for the audience very much in mind. The WTF has also brought to Aruba an exhibition team, which will perform at the opening ceremonies taking place tonight at the sport hall at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$10 per day for entrance. Awards for the World Para-Tae Kwon Do Championships will also be presented tonight. Competitors have arrived from Iran, Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Finland, France, Greece, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, USA, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, Chinese Taipei, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic.

Tomorrow morning the preliminary matches for the WTF World Cup 2012 will commence; quarter, semi- and final matches will take place on Sunday, the 25th.

Rosalie Klein

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## Aruba Bank opens an ATM and a night depository at the new Superfood Plaza

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The Aruba Bank Service Center will provide a variety of services to its clients. Additionally, Aruba Bank has another flexible and very important feature to offer: A new ATM and Night Depository located at Superfood Plaza, which is already up and running and servicing all of the bank's clients.

Aruba Bank's automated tellers, located around the island, are simply indispensable, available to clients wishing to use the services of the ATMs and depository at night, in fact, 24 hours a day. Most clients love being able to use the ATM services at any time, even outside banking hours, because their lives and work schedules require services around the clock.

Aruba Bank would like to inform all of its clients to take into account that the ATM located in the building of the old Super Food will now operate from the Superfood Plaza, Superfood's new, spacious building on Sasakiweg. Aruba Bank believes that its clients will make good use of these new services and is excited to be able to provide a positive contribution to its clients' lives.





## Dutch police bust 'very dangerous' international drugs gang

(AFP) -- A major cocaine-smuggling gang broken up by the Dutch authorities planned to carry out assassinations, a police spokesman said yesterday.

A joint operation Tuesday by more than 200 royal Dutch gendarmes, customs and tax officials led to 12 arrests in total. Officers swooped on homes and offices around the country, including in the Dutch capital Amsterdam.

Royal gendarmes spokesman Robert Van Kapel told AFP agents had confiscated quantities of cocaine and weapons and said the gang "planned to carry out assassinations."

But he gave no details as to who they had planned to target or what weapons officers had seized.

Van Kapel said the gang had used Schiphol international airport to smuggle cocaine from the Caribbean.

"In total we have arrested 12 people including from the United States, Cape Verde and

the Dutch Antilles," he added. And they expected to make more arrests.

"It was one of the biggest actions against drug gangs in recent years," Van Kapel said.

Dutch media reported the cocaine had been smuggled through the airport by using couriers and hiding it in containers.

Earlier this month, gendarmes busted a separate gang at the airport. They had used baggage handlers to smuggle drugs from the Caribbean. Police arrested 20 people in that bust.

And in March, gendarmes at Schiphol confiscated 300 kilos of cocaine from South and Central America with an estimated street value of 12 million euros (\$16 million).

The haul was one of the largest in recent years at the airport.

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## Tiara Air Aruba inaugurates direct service to Maracaibo on the Boeing 737 "Arawak"



Maracaibo Airport Director Marcus Amaya welcome the plane



Tiara CEO Alejandro Muyale with Melanie Kelly of ATA and Myrna Jansen

Aruba's native-owned airline, Tiara Air, increased their jet service schedule on the new Boeing 737, "Arawak," with an inaugural flight to the key Venezuelan destination of Maracaibo on Tuesday eve-

ning, November 20.

A delegation for the first flight consisted of Tiara Air Aruba CEO Alejandro Muyale and COO Camillo Muyale, with executive employee Kelly Broche, Deputy CEO and Marketing Manager Malinda Hassel along with her assistant Drechliën Vrolijk, among others.

Several island media accompanied the first flight, along with Venezuelan Consuls to Aruba, Orlando Luzardo and Ama Del Lugo. Representing the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, was his Chief Tourism Advisor, Myrna Jansen and

Aruba Tourism Authority Manager of Strategy, Research and Planning, Melanie Kelly.

Adding a touch of glamour to the event was Aruba's newly elected Miss Aruba Universe, Larissa Leeuwe, and Mr. World Sergio Winterdaal. The inaugural flight also included several commercial passengers enjoying the executive service, with snack and beverage included on the short flight.

The plane was met in Maracaibo, Venezuela, by Airport Director General, Marcus Amaya and Tiara Air Aruba's Western Regional Manager, Armando Añez. Father Jesus Colina officially blessed the plane upon landing, and the airport staged a lively welcome reception on their mezzanine level for the Aruban delegation.

Alejandro Muyale expressed his gratitude to the Maracaibo Airport Manager Amaya, and, in particular, to Armando Añez for his unstinting support of the Tiara Air's expansion. "It is an exciting time for us as we continue to grow with the highest safety standards," commented Mr. Muyale, "we remain always motivated and customer-focused. We are very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are heading."

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Tiara regional mgr Armando Añez and Airport CEO welcomes delegation

for Aruban travelers, as well as servicing the many tourists from that area who find Aruba and ideal destination. It is the second largest city in Venezuela after Caracas, on the northwestern coast of Lake Maracaibo. It is also nicknamed "The Beloved Land of the Sun."

It is planned at the end of the month to begin jet service to San Maarten with the "Arawak" and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida will soon be added to their schedule. For full flight information and booking, visit the Tiara Air Aruba website: <http://www.tiara-air.com/>.



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## Jesse Jackson Jr. resigns from US Congress amid cloud

CHICAGO (AFP) - Jesse Jackson Jr., the son of the noted civil rights leader, resigned from the US House of Representatives yesterday amid a cloud of corruption.

Jackson, 47, has been under investigation by federal prosecutors for potential misuse of campaign funds and was implicated in ousted Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich's scheme to auction off President Barack Obama's vacated senate seat in 2008.

He was reelected to his

heavily-Democratic Illinois district on November 6 despite the fact that he has been on medical leave from Congress since June while receiving treatment for bipolar disorder.

Jackson cited his health in announcing his resignation in a letter to House Speaker John Boehner but also acknowledged the "ongoing federal investigation into my activities."

"I am doing my best to address the situation responsibly, cooperate with the investigators, and accept responsibility

for my mistakes, for they are my mistakes and mine alone," he wrote. "None of us is immune from our share of shortcomings or human frailties and I pray that I will be remembered for what I did right."

Jackson is reported to be in talks to reach a plea deal with prosecutors, who are also reportedly investigating his wife.

A special election will be called to fill his seat which encompasses part of the south side of Chicago and a neighboring suburb.

## US condemns killing of Benghazi security chief

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday "strongly condemned" the assassination of the security chief in the east Libyan city of Benghazi and called for a full investigation into his killing.

State Department deputy spokesman Mark Toner said

Washington extends "our condolences" to the family of Fajal-Dersi and "we call for those responsible to be brought to justice."

Unknown persons in a car opened fire at Dersi in front of his home late Tuesday. He was hit by three bullets and died

shortly after being taken to Benghazi medical center, a Libyan official said.

Dersi was appointed shortly after the September 11 attack on the US consulate in which US ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and three other Americans died.

## Obama thanks Egypt's Morsi for role in Gaza truce bid

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama thanked his Egyptian counterpart Mohamed Morsi yesterday for his role in negotiating a planned truce between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza.

"The president thanked President Morsi for his efforts to achieve a sustainable ceasefire and for his personal leadership in negotiating a ceasefire proposal," the White House said in a statement.

Obama also reaffirmed the "close partnership" between Washington and Cairo, the White House said, adding that the two leaders "agreed on the importance of working toward a more durable solution to the situation in Gaza."

The ceasefire bid, agreed to by Israel and Hamas and slated to take effect later yesterday,

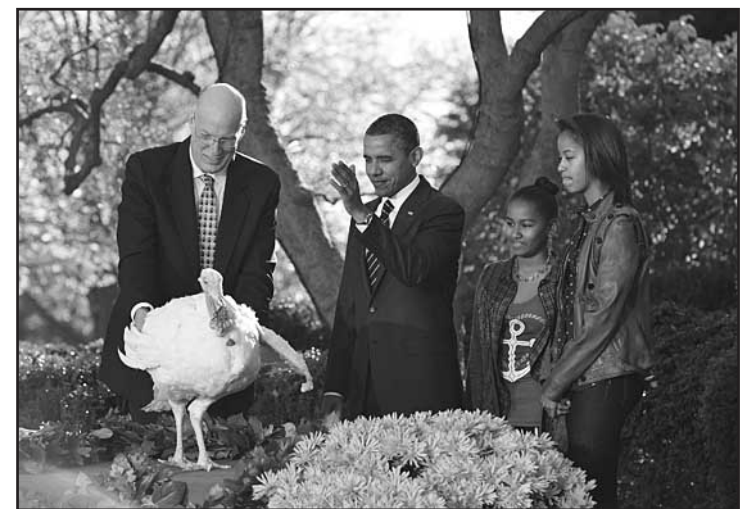
would end a week of violence in and around the Gaza strip that has left more than 150 people dead.

It came after a day of shuttle diplomacy -- led by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon -- that was marred by more deadly cross-border violence between Israel and militants in Gaza.

The conflict had threatened to take a new turn yesterday when a bomb ripped through a commuter bus in Israel's commercial capital, injuring 17 people and sparking panic. It prompted Israel to hit back with deadly air raids on Gaza City and elsewhere in the Palestinian territory.

Israel launched its offensive on November 14 with the targeted killing of a Hamas military chief.

## In annual tradition, Obama pardons Thanksgiving turkey



**US President Barack Obama gestures during the annual Thanksgiving turkey pardon with his daughters Sasha (2nd R) and Malia (R). Obama pardoned Cobbler and its alternate Gobbler, both raised in Rockingham County, Virginia. (AFP)**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama "pardoned" two turkeys yesterday ahead of the annual Thanksgiving holiday, when Americans dine on millions of the fattened fowl.

"They say that life is all about second chances," Obama told reporters gathered at the White House Rose Garden for the yearly ceremony. "This November I could not agree more."

The symbolic reprieve means the lucky birds -- Cobbler and understudy Gobbler -- won't end up on the dinner table but will instead live out their days in a custom-made

enclosure on George Washington's estate in Mount Vernon, Virginia, the White House said.

Both are 19 weeks old and weigh about 40 pounds (18 kilos).

Their names were chosen from submissions by elementary schools and, for the first time this year, the US public was able to pick which of the two would become the "2012 National Thanksgiving Turkey" by casting a vote on the White House Facebook page.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### FARC raise concerns but Colombia talks continue

HAVANA (AFP) - The FARC accused the Colombian government yesterday of harassing relatives of a senior rebel, highlighting lingering tensions but not disrupting a third day of peace talks in Havana, Cuba.

FARC spokeswoman Viviana Hernandez read out a statement alleging that Colombian police had threatened the relatives of western bloc unit commander Francisco Gonzalez as they sought information about his whereabouts.

"Members of the police, disguised as civilians, are pressuring the family... to prosecute and take custody of their young children unless they reveal information" about his location, the spokeswoman said.

Despite the unexpected development, leading FARC delegate Ivan Marquez expressed optimism about the outcome of the dialogue, which is expected to run into next week, before entering the closed-door talks.

"I'd like to say that we are working hard for peace," Marquez said. "We have immense faith in the ability of the Colombian people to achieve the peace that we all so deeply yearn for."

Negotiations aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency began on

Monday with the FARC declaring a unilateral two-month ceasefire, after a preliminary round of talks last month in Norway.

President Juan Manuel Santos has stressed that his government is not yet bound by the ceasefire and that military operations against the FARC will continue until a deal is brokered.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia -- Latin America's largest rebel group, founded in 1964 and believed to have some 9,000 armed fighters -- took up arms to protest the concentration of land ownership in Colombia.

Several top commanders have been captured or killed in recent years as the group has suffered a string of military defeats and its ranks have been severely depleted since the FARC's peak in the 1990s.

In addition to the issue of land ownership, both sides must agree on a mechanism to end hostilities, on how to incorporate the FARC into political life, on how to curb drug trafficking, and on how to compensate victims of the conflict.

Both sides have expressed confidence that an end to the decades-long conflict that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives is within reach.

### Netanyahu: Israel, US to jointly fight Iran arms smuggling

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israel and the United States have agreed to work together to prevent the smuggling of weapons from Iran to militant groups in the Gaza Strip, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

"Israel cannot sit idly by as its enemies strengthen themselves with weapons of terror,

so I agreed with President (Barack) Obama that we will work together -- Israel and the United States -- against the smuggling of weapons to terror organisations, most of which comes from Iran," he said in a televised address as a truce agreement went into effect, ending eight straight days of bloodshed in and around Gaza.

### US oil rig operator had poor safety before deadly fire

CHICAGO (AFP) - An oil rig operator that saw two workers killed and 11 hurt in a recent explosion in the Gulf of Mexico had a history of safety violations, US regulators said yesterday.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) notified Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations that it could lose its license to operate offshore platforms if it does not improve its safety performance in the wake of Friday's blast.

It has also ordered the Houston-based company to immediately cease any work that could pose an ignition risk

and not to restart production at any temporarily shut down wells without approval.

The agency said further action could be taken following the conclusion of an investigation into the explosion some 18 miles (29 kilometers) south of Grand Isle, Louisiana.

The deadly fire began while a maintenance crew was cutting through a pipe on a temporarily shut down platform that was not pumping oil.

"Black Elk has repeatedly failed to operate in a manner that is consistent with federal regulations," agency director James Watson said in a statement.

"This is an appropriate and necessary step as we continue to investigate the explosion and fire that resulted in the tragic loss of life and injuries last week."

Black Elk operates 98 platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Regulators have conducted 238 inspections since it began operations in 2010 and found 315 instances in which it was not following the rules.

A dozen of those incidents were serious enough for inspectors to order the company to shut down the facility because it posed a serious risk to workers or the environment, BSEE said.

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## Health & Living

### First big dengue fever outbreak in Europe since 1920s: EU

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Europe is experiencing its first sustained transmission of dengue fever since the 1920s after an outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease in Madeira, Portugal that has infected more than 1,300 people, an EU agency said.

The Portuguese health ministry reported 1,357 cases as of November 11, 669 of which were laboratory confirmed and 688 were probable cases, the Stockholm-based European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in a statement issued late Tuesday.

Some 25 patients from mainland Portugal, Britain, Germany, France and Sweden have been diagnosed with dengue after returning home from visits to the Portuguese island, the ECDC added.

No deaths have been recorded, it said, but stressed that given the high number of visitors to Madeira, among other things, "the outbreak is large and constitutes a significant public health event."

Dengue is spread by one of four viruses transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. It causes high fever, headaches, itching and joint pains. At an advanced stage it can lead to

haemorrhaging and death.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito which carries the disease has been present on Madeira since at least 2005, the agency said, and the first two cases of dengue fever were reported among residents on October 3.

The ECDC said the outbreak was still ongoing, and recommended residents and travellers visiting the island to take "individual protective measures", such as using mosquito repellent, to avoid mosquito bites. Dengue is transmitted by a daytime mosquito.

### 15,000 kids abandoned a year in ex-communist states

SOFIA (AFP) - Two decades after the end of communism, 15,000 children are abandoned every year in the former Soviet countries in eastern Europe and central Asia, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said Wednesday.

"Most countries still rely heavily on institutionalisation ... leaving lifelong physical and cognitive scars," UNICEF regional director Marie-Pierre Poirier said as she presented a new report.

It also urged aircraft, airports and ports in Madeira to continue disinfection procedures.

"With tourists visiting Madeira, continued import of dengue cases from the island to other EU countries is to be expected until the mosquito population is decreased and transmission interrupted," the ECDC said.

According to the UN's World Health Organisation, between 50 and 100 million dengue infections occur each year in more than 100 countries. In 1970, the disease was endemic in just nine countries.

"Every hour approximately two young children, mainly babies, are separated from their parents and sent into institutional care in central and eastern Europe and central Asia. That is more than 15,000 children every year," Poirier said.

At present, 1.3 million under-18s -- or 1.3 out of every 100 children -- grow up separated from their families in the region, according to the report presented at a conference in Sofia.

"These numbers are the highest in the world," the report said, accusing the current child-

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### Apple finally solves iPhone 5 supply problem



times for the iPhone 5. Apple's estimated shipping times for products are often seen as a sign of how well the company is able to keep up with demand.

Availability of the AT&T and Verizon iPhone 5 models was severely constrained earlier this month, but Apple has been gradually catching up in recent weeks.

Earlier this month a report by market research firm Strategy Analytics says that Samsung sold 18 million Galaxy S III handsets during the third quarter, compared to only 16.2 million for Apple's iPhone 4S, suggesting that the Galaxy S III had ousted the iPhone 4S as best-selling smartphone.

-- Supply of the iPhone 5 at Apple's U.S. retail stores has almost completely caught up with demand, just in time for the bustling holiday shopping season.

Signs of improved supply come as Apple this week changed its online store to advertise two-week shipping

### Life on Mars? Maybe not. NASA rows back on findings

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NASA downplayed Wednesday talk of a major discovery by its Martian rover after remarks by the mission chief raised hopes it may have unearthed evidence life once existed on the Red Planet.

Excitement is building over soon-to-be-released results from NASA's Curiosity rover, which is three months into a two-year mission to determine if Mars has ever been capable of supporting microbial life.

Its Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instruments have been sending back information as it hunts for compounds such as

methane, as well as hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, that would mean life could once have existed there.

A spokesman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is managing the project, appeared to pour cold water Wednesday on the hopes of space enthusiasts looking forward to an earth-shattering discovery.

"The scientists want to gain confidence in the findings before taking them outside of the science team. As for history books, the whole mission is for the history books," Webster said.

Scientists do not expect Curiosity to find aliens or living creatures but they hope to use it to analyze soil and rocks for signs the building blocks of life are present and may have supported life in the past.

The \$2.5 billion Curiosity rover -- which landed in Gale Crater on the Red Planet on August 6 -- also aims to study the Martian environment to prepare for a possible human mission there in the coming years.

US President Barack Obama has vowed to send humans to the planet by 2030.

### NZ volcano Mt Tongariro erupts



-- NEW Zealand's Mount Tongariro volcano in the central North Island has erupted, sending a black plume of ash up to 2km into the air and forcing hundreds of hikers to be evacuated, including 90 schoolchildren from Napier - were on the mountain when Tongariro erupted around 1.20pm local time. Police are warning sightseers to stay away from the area in case of further volcanic activity. The volcano was used as a backdrop to "The Lord of the Rings" films. New Zealand lies on the so-called "Pacific Ring of Fire", where the Earth's tectonic plates collide, making it a hotspot for volcanic and earthquake activity.

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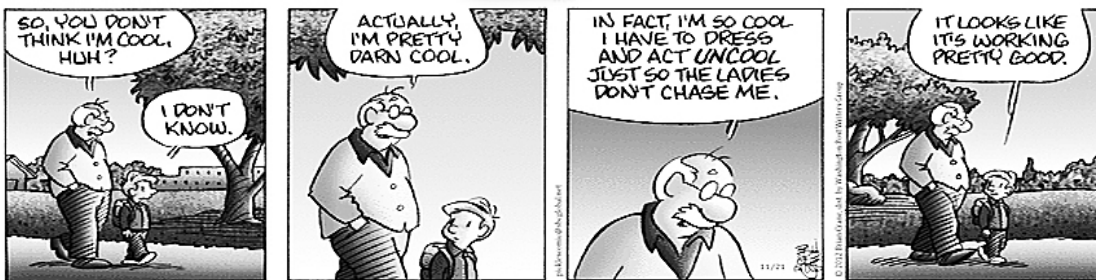
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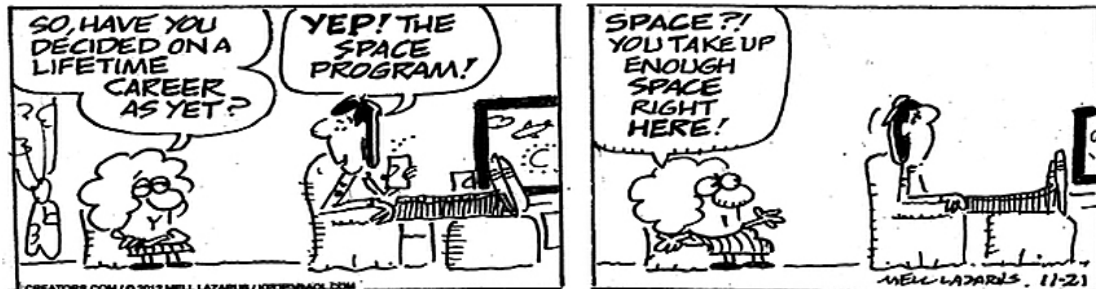


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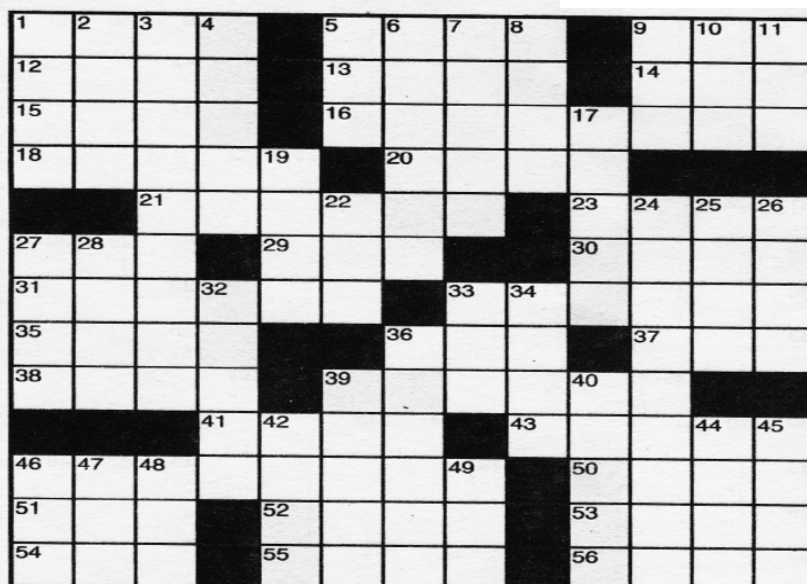
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9. Append
12. Clumsy one
13. "Que \_\_\_\_"
14. Deception of sorts
15. "\_\_\_\_ Karenina"
16. It can recede in middle-age
18. Defrauds, slangily
20. "Mad Men" role
21. Flings
23. Patron saint of Norway
27. Scale note
29. Tot
30. Egyptian river
31. Ascended
33. Endures
35. Let
36. Military address: abbr.
37. Gnaw through
38. On an ocean voyage
39. Put on, as a show
41. Gauze weave
43. One-way symbol
46. Gridiron feature
50. Astronaut Sally
51. Woodworking tool

## DOWN

1. Star of "M\*A\*S\*H," with 25 Down
2. Actress Anderson
3. Joke finale
4. Weapon for TV's Buffy
5. Cigar dropping
6. Harvested
7. Zodiac sign
8. Oldest Simpson child
9. Bey or Baba
10. Racket
11. Two-point Scrabble tile
17. Hotelier Helmsley
19. Fill completely
22. MGM star Johnson
24. Single, perhaps
25. See 1 Down
26. Parking valet's garb
27. Lee of frozen desserts
28. Mine finds
32. Sales booth
33. Saratoga, for one
34. Roman garment
36. Shows regret
39. Sarcastic
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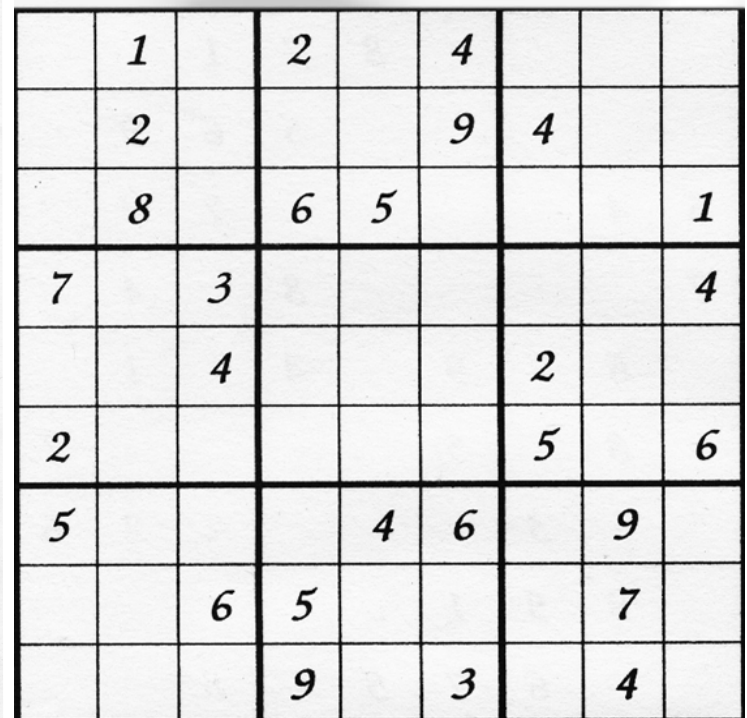
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4	8	2	5	6	3	9	1	7
7	1	6	2	9	8	5	3	4
1	7	5	4	3	9	6	8	2
8	5	7	6	1	2	3	9	4
6	9	4	7	8	2	1	5	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



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Netherlands	EUR	226.00	228.06	230.36
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## Finance

### Bankers: Swiss banks to focus on Chinese yuan trading

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss banks want to become important traders of financial products and services based on the Chinese yuan, a sector association leader said yesterday.

The banks "would like to be the second main center (overseas for yuan trading) after London," Swiss Banking Association head Claude-Alain Margelisch told reporters in Geneva.

Pointing out that Britain is currently home to the most active foreign trading of the yuan, Margelisch said that a delegation from his organisation had recently travelled to China to secure access to such financial operations and had

received "positive signals" from Beijing.

"The Chinese authorities indicated that there was no need for a formal agreement on their part to be active in the market... We are going to study the market right away," he said.

While no formal agreement was needed with China's central bank, Margelisch noted that if they wanted to trade yuan, Swiss banks would need a robust banking presence in Hong Kong, the main trading hub for China's currency.

He forecast that the yuan would play "an increasingly important role in international trade over the coming years."



**SAO PAULO --** AFP photo show Dutch Prince Willem-Alexander giving a speech during the seminar "Bioeconomy: the Dutch innovating knowledge and system" at the Federation of Industries of Sao Paulo State (FIESP) in Sao Paulo, yesterday. The biggest ever Dutch trade mission - a 170-company delegation - on Monday headed off on a six-day official visit to Brazil, the sixth biggest economy in the world. The Netherlands currently has a trade deficit with Brazil and imports far more than it exports to the South American country. The Netherlands sends Brazil mainly oil products and chemicals but they account for just 0.5% of total exports. The Netherlands imports food, meat and iron ore from Brazil.

## Americans to loosen holiday purse strings in 2012

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Americans are likely to spend between three and four percent more on their holiday shopping this year than last, in an apparent sign of increased consumer confidence, according to a survey published yesterday.

The poll, conducted jointly by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), found 12 percent of consumers said they would spend more on holiday purchases in 2012 than 2011.

That compares to just eight percent of respondents who said the same thing when polled this time last year.

A statement accompanying the annual survey said that this year's planned increase in spending by some consumers "may well reflect perceived improvement in their financial situation."

Meanwhile, the percentage of people who said they would spend less on gifts this year than last was 38 percent -- three percent less than the number of people who gave that response in last year's poll.

"Our survey results suggest that holiday spending this year will likely rise by between three and four percent compared to last year," said Bill Hampel, chief economist for CUNA.

"This represents the fourth year of gradual improvement in holiday spending plans since a sharp decline in such plans in 2008."

The November 9-13 telephone survey of about a thousand subjects found that many Americans are willing to part with more of their money this holiday season despite sizable financial constraints, including high mortgage payments, student loans and credit card pay-

ments.

People with lower incomes were more likely than well-off Americans to say that their financial circumstances had worsened this year compared to last, and were correspondingly less likely to report plans to spend as freely.

But the poll also made what it called the "anomalous" finding that Democrats -- who are less financially well-off than Republicans on average -- were more likely to increase their holiday spending this year.

The pollsters surmised that this may be the case in part because of the election victory earlier this month that saw Barack Obama returned to the White House for a second four-year term, which might have buoyed Democrats' spirits and loosened their purse strings.

## World Bank: India to receive record \$70 billion remittances in 2012

New Delhi: Remittance inflows into India is expected to increase to \$70 billion in 2012, according to a World Bank re-

port on global migration and remittances, released yesterday.

India continued to top the remittances list in 2012 while China is placed a close second with \$66 billion expected migrant remittances in the same year.

The World Bank said remittance flows to the developing world are expected to exceed earlier estimates and total \$406 billion this year—an increase of 6.5% from the previous year—and is projected to grow by 7.9% in 2013, 10.1% in 2014 and 10.7% in 2015 to reach \$534 billion in 2015.

Worldwide remittances, including those to high-income countries, are expected to total \$534 billion in 2012, and are projected to grow to \$685 billion in 2015.

Despite the overall growth in remittance flows to developing countries, the continuing global economic crisis is dampening remittance flows to some regions, with Europe and Central Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa especially affected, while South Asia and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) are expected to fare much better than previously estimated.

### Fitch downgrades Cyprus debt to 'BB-'

PARIS (AFP) - The credit ratings agency Fitch downgraded yesterday debt issued by eurozone member Cyprus by two notches, from "BB+" to "BB-" and said the outlook was negative, which means it could be cut further.

The rating for Cyprus, which currently holds the European Union's rotating presidency, was initially cut to speculative, or junk, status by Fitch five months ago.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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**SPAIN, Villamuriel :** An employee is seen working at the Villamuriel Renault factory in northern Spain. French car maker Renault plans to create 1,300 jobs at its factories in recession-hit Spain, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said. The French giant, which employs 10,000 people at four sites in Spain, signed a deal on working conditions with Spanish labour unions last week but is still negotiating terms with workers in France as it seeks to be more competitive. (AFP PHOTO)



## Church is 'in tatters', says woman tipped as first bishop



LONDON (AFP) - The clergywoman who was widely expected to become the Church of England's first female bishop has blasted its vote against the move, saying on Wednesday it had left the church's reputation "in tatters".

Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Jamaican-born chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II and the British parliament, said she was deeply disappointed by Tuesday's narrow vote against women bishops by the state church's governing General Synod.

"We have deprived the church of all those gifts that women could bring to its leadership," the 51-year-old told AFP.

"The church's reputation is in tatters. We cannot have a society where women make up more than 50 percent of the population but cannot lead in

the church."

Charismatic, with closely-cropped hair and a beaming smile, Hudson-Wilkin had been widely named as one of the strongest contenders to become the Church of England's first female bishop had Tuesday's vote gone differently.

But the mother-of-three, who is also the vicar of two churches in impoverished areas of east London, insists she had harboured no personal ambition to take the job.

"I've never had great ambitions. This is not a career, it is a vocation," said the vicar, whose voice still has a gentle Jamaican lilt nearly three decades after she moved to Britain.

"I personally won't be sitting around waiting to be made a bishop -- I don't think any woman will be doing

that."

She added that if she was one day asked to take on the role, "I would need to examine whether that is what God requires of me."

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Hudson-Wilkin came to Britain in 1985. She had always wanted to become a priest, but had to wait until 1994 for the Church of England to allow it.

She believes that she and other Anglicans who argue passionately for the introduction of women bishops will now have to wait at least four years before the issue can return to the agenda.

"But I am positive that God's church will move on," she added. "You know, I went to Turkey recently and you can see the ruins of Christendom there. The church moves on and thrives elsewhere."

In any case, she said, the rejected proposals were far from perfect -- they would have allowed parishes to reject the authority of a woman bishop and force the appointment of a stand-in male.

### McCartney says skip the turkey on Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former Beatle Paul McCartney, a long-time vegetarian, has joined a campaign by animal rights group PETA to encourage Americans to celebrate a turkey-free Thanksgiving this week.

The British rock legend, sporting a gray shirt with an "eat no turkey" design, is featured on the website of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"This Thanksgiving, Paul McCartney is urging you to say 'no, thanks' to turkey and 'yes' to a delicious, cruelty-free holiday meal," the group says.

More than 45 million turkeys will make their way onto American dinner tables on Thursday, and another 22 million are consumed at Christmas, according to PETA.

Each year, US presidents grant a pardon to one or two turkeys -- a tradition that only dates back to president George Bush in 1989, even though Thanksgiving was first celebrated by pilgrims who fled religious persecution in England.

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## The world won't end next month, Maya experts insist



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Relax doomsayers, the Maya people did not really mark their calendar for the end of the world on December 21, 2012.

As tourists book hotels rooms in Mexico's Maya Riviera and Guatemalan resorts ahead of next month's fateful date, experts are busy debunking the doomsday myth.

The apocalyptic prophecy that has inspired authors and filmmakers never appears in the tall T-shaped stone calendar that was carved by the Maya around the year 669 in southeastern Mexico.

In reality, the stone recounts the life and battles of a ruler from that era, experts say. Plus, the last date on the calendar is actually December 23, 2012,

not the 21st, and it merely marks the end of a cycle.

So no need to build giant arks, because the terrible floods, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions depicted in the Hollywood blockbuster "2012" were not prophesied by the Mayas.

The stone, known as Monument 6, was located in El Tor-tuguero, an archeological site that was discovered in 1915.

Broken in six pieces, the different fragments are exhibited in US and Mexican museums, including Tabasco's Carlos Pellicer Camara Anthropology Museum and New York's Metropolitan Museum.

The first study on the stone was published by a German researcher in 1978. Since then, various archeologists have examined its significance and agree that it refers to the December 23 date.

The final date represents the end of a cycle in the Mayan long count calendar that began in the year 3114 before Christ. It is the completion of 13 baak t'uunes, a unit of time equivalent to 144,000 days.

The belief that the calendar foresees the end of the world comes from Judeo-Christian interpretations, the experts said.



SINGAPORE (AFP) - A Singaporean taxi driver has been heralded as a hero after he returned Sg\$1.1 million (\$900,000) in cash to a vacationing Thai couple who left the money in his cab. Sia Ka Tian, 70, was shocked to find the money in a black paper bag on the back seat on Monday after he dropped the couple off at a shopping centre. But when he brought the money to transport company ComfortDelGro's lost-and-found office, his stunned colleagues counted Sg\$1.1 million in thousand-dollar bills. The Thai couple reported the loss to the transport company and Sia was waiting for them when they arrived to claim the money. The driver received an undisclosed cash reward from the grateful couple, whose names have been withheld, and the company also plans to give him an award for good service.

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Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very seriously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immigrant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone

could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where

consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, deco-rative items and more.

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jalme, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery



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## SPORTS

## Football: Chelsea on the brink as Barca, Bayern qualify



Bayern Munich againsts Valencia

PARIS (AFP) - Barcelona and Bayern Munich qualified for the Champions League last 16 on Tuesday but Chelsea were in danger of picking up the dubious honour of becoming the first titleholders to crash out in the first round.

Joining Barca and Bayern into the knockout stages were Valencia and Shakhtar Donetsk while Celtic still have work to do to book their ticket after defeat at Benfica.

Frustratingly for Chelsea their fallow spell in the Premier League spilled over to Turin where Roberto di Matteo's men were swept aside 3-0 by Juventus.

With Shakhtar seeing off Danish minnows Nordsjaelland in Copenhagen the Lon-

doners slipped to third in Group E, with their fate now out of their hands going into the final roll of the group stage dice next month.

Barcelona kept the wheels firmly on their pursuit of a fourth European crown, bouncing back from defeat at Celtic in their last run out to see off Spartak Moscow 3-0 in the Russian capital.

Barca had lost their previous away match at Celtic 2-1, despite dominating possession but were unable to make the most of their chances.

"Against Celtic we had the same number of opportunities but sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't," said coach Tito Vilanova.

Barca qualify as Group G winners on 12 points, with Celtic and Benfica fighting it out for the all-important runners-up spot with both teams on seven points after the Portuguese side's 2-1 win in Lisbon.

In Celtic's favour however is the fact that in the closing games Benfica are at the Nou Camp to take on Barca while Celtic have a potentially easier assignment against already eliminated Spartak.

In Group F, Valencia took to the pitch against Bayern in the happy knowledge that they were through to the next round as a result of Lille's earlier 2-0 win at BATE Borisov.

A 1-1 draw in Spain earned Bayern qualification from the group as well.

Midfielder Sofiane Feghouli had put Valencia ahead with time running out, but Bayern held their nerve as Germany midfielder Mueller netted the equaliser.

In other action a youthful Manchester United lost 1-0 at Galatasaray in a 'dead' game with United having already assured themselves of top spot in Group H while Cluj went second on the back of a 3-1 win over Braga.



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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) : Anderlecht's Bram Nuytink (L) receives a red card from referee Damir Skomina (R) during the football game between RSC Anderlecht and AC Milan, on the fifth day of the group C of Champions League yesterday. AC Milan beats Anderlecht 3-1, advances in CL.



AMSTERDAM (AFP) : Borussia Dortmund have recorded a 4-1 win over Ajax in Wednesday's Champions League Group D fixture at the Amsterdam ArenA. Ajax remain Group D's number three with four points from five games. They travel to Real Madrid on December 4 in their last Champions League game of the season. Dortmund sit first in their section with 11 points, and host Manchester City on matchday 6. Photo shows Dortmund's Polish striker Robert Lewandowski scoring.



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## NBA: D'Antoni wins his Laker debut

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles made Mike D'Antoni's debut behind the Lakers' bench a successful one by beating the Brooklyn Nets 95-90 on Tuesday night at Staples Center arena.

D'Antoni, limping after undergoing recent surgery, had been unable to take over behind the bench until Tuesday because of discomfort and tightness in his knee.

Kobe Bryant scored 25 points and Dwight Howard finished with 23 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers who are now 5-1 since sacking Mike Brown.



**Jerry Stackhouse #42 of the Brooklyn Nets goes up for a shot against Jordan Hill #27 and Chris Duhon #21 of the Los Angeles Lakers**

The 26-year-old Howard was just seven-of-19 from the free throw line Tuesday as the Nets tried to take advantage of his struggles from the foul line.

Howard, who can become a free agent at season's end, is not panicking though.

"It was cool. We got the win," Howard said of D'Antoni's debut. "It was a tough win. We battled it out. We got better tonight as a team."

The Lakers started the sea-

son 1-4 under Brown but have gone 5-1 since his departure.

The Lakers passed on the opportunity to bring back 11-time NBA champion Phil Jackson after they hired D'Antoni November 12.

Even before D'Antoni took over, the Lakers had already begun to run his offence over the last two games, including a 114-102 win over Phoenix on Friday.

"He is still limping a bit but we appreciate his effort to be out there," Lakers forward Pau Gasol said of D'Antoni.

Deron Williams had 22 points and 10 assists for Brooklyn, who saw their five-game winning streak snapped.

The Nets have lost their last nine games to the Lakers, going back to 2007.

They were hoping post their longest winning streak since a six-game run from March 12-21, 2006.



## Yachting: Polish sailor Gutkowski latest to abandon Globe



PARIS (AFP) - Poland's Zbigniew Gutkowski became the sixth skipper on Wednesday to abandon his bid to win the prestigious Vendee Globe race after electronic problems ruined his chances.

The problems hit his boat Energa in recent days of the gruelling solo unassisted race around the world which meant he did not have automatic pilot.

"Today (Wednesday) I need to officially announce what I've been thinking about for days. Being brave is not only about fighting, it is also about knowing where to stop."

"I know I did everything I could, working on my electronics issues for many days."

"But I can't carry on like that. Having no autopilot means I can't race, and if I can't race, I have to retire."

"That's a tough decision, one of toughest in my life. But

that's the Vendee Globe, that's the power of the ocean and you can't fight it."

Already forced to quit the event is the race's only women skipper, Samantha Davies as well as Louis Burton, Marc Guillemot, Kito de Pavant and Jeremie Beyou leaving 14 at sea competing for sailing's ultimate prize.

"It's like driving at night on a road you don't know, a road with many turns, surrounded with trees. Suddenly your lights go off and you can't slow down. How many chances do you have to survive?," added Gutkowski.

On Wednesday after 11 days at sea, Frenchman Armel Le Cleac'h led the race as they sailed close to the equator followed by compatriot Francois Gabart who is 41.5 nautical miles back and a third Frenchman Vincent Riou a further 4.5 miles adrift.

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## Baseball: Japan's Kuroda to remain with Yankees



NEW YORK (AFP) - Japanese right handed pitcher Hiroki Kuroda signed a one-year contract with the New York Yankees on Tuesday, the Major League Baseball club announced.

Kuroda, 38, could have selected two-year offers, or contracts with player options, but he favored the flexibility of going through the process again next offseason.

The Yankees did not give any details of the contract but the New York Daily News said it is worth \$15 million.

Kuroda, of Osaka, finished his first season in a Yankees' uniform with a 16-11 record, 3.32 earned run average and 167 strikeouts with the American League East champions.

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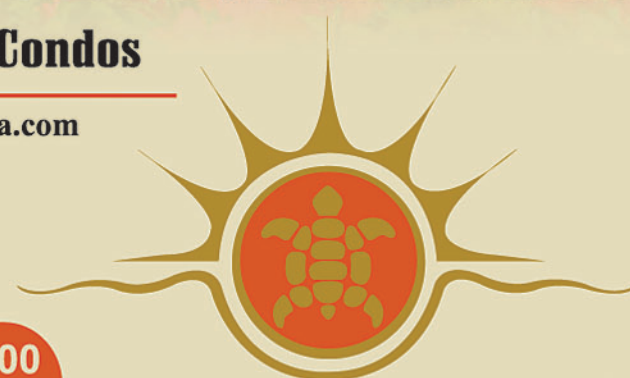
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## 'Macho' Camacho fighting for life after shooting

MIAMI (AFP) - Former three time world boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho was fighting for his life Wednesday after being shot in the neck in Puerto Rico, doctors said.

His heart stopped briefly overnight and he is being kept alive with a respirator and other machines, while doctors evaluate whether to declare him brain dead, they said.

His mother, Maria Matias, arrived from New York early Wednesday. The Spanish-language TV channel Univision said his brother and children



were also expected, to decide whether to disconnect an artificial respirator.

"But we have to stress that

Macho Camacho is breathing with a respirator and his blood pressure and pulse are being maintained by machines," added the doctor.

Camacho, 50, was being driven in a car when he was hit in the head by gunshot from another vehicle around 7:00 pm local time, according to the local Primera Hora de Puerto Rico newspaper.

The paper showed a picture of the ex-boxer on a hospital gurney, with an oxygen mask and tubes, covered by blood-soaked covers. It said he was

unconscious.

Camacho was one of the most colorful boxers of the 1980s.

He has a career record of 79-6-3 with 38 knockouts, and over his career he took on all comers, including big names like Roberto Duran, Oscar De La Hoya, Julio Cesar Chavez, Sugar Ray Leonard, Felix Trinidad, Ray Mancini, and Greg Haugen.

Earlier this year, US police charged Camacho with child abuse for allegedly slamming his son into a floor at his ex-

wife's home in Florida.

Camacho was accused of hitting and stomping on his son, police documents say.

The incident took place on March 22, 2011, allegedly over money Camacho apparently believed was missing at his ex-wife's home, the documents show.

The boxer, originally from Puerto Rico, in recent years has made appearances on two reality television programs, "Mira Quien Baila" ("Look Who's Dancing") and "Es Macho Time."